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1. A new training center for Soviet and Satellite armored forces has been established at Kaliningrad. It is attached administratively to the 17th Armored Division of the Soviet Army, commanded by General I. N. Kutsov.
2. Three hundred officers and noncommissioned officers of the Czechoslovak Armored Force, commanded by Col. Jan Blazej, will be sent to this training center on 1 Apr 54.
3. During 1954, the activities of the training center will be supplemented by the establishment of armored force garrisons at Tula, Khabarovsk, Simferopol, Lvov, Krasnovodsk, Gori, Orel, Savastopol Vladivostok and Kyzyl Orda. The establishment of these new garrisons and training posts was on the decision of Marshal Bulganin, announced at the military conference in Moscow, 23 Feb 54. At the same conference it was decided to increase Soviet armored forces by 13 percent during 1954, and also that the construction of tanks would receive the same priority as that of jet planes.
4. On an analogous Sig decision, Lt Gen Juraj Tokan, commander of the garrison of Brno, was appointed head of a ministerial commission to reorganize the Czechoslovak armored force.

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